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1. INDOCHINA

DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR CHANGING SVN'S PRESS LAWS ARE
PUBLISHED IN SAIGON IN "APPARENT EFFORT BY THE GOVERNMENT
TO PLACATE ITS CRITICS." THIEU PROMISED REVISION BUT
MANY OPPONENTS WANT COMPLETE ABOLITION, AND INITIAL
REACTION TO DRAFT INDICATES CONTINUING DISSATISFACTION
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(REUTER SAIGON).

SVN MIL COURT CONVICTS AMCIT RUSSELL SMITH OF ATTEMPT
TO EXPORT SCRAP METAL ILLEGALLY, SENTENCES HIM TO TEN

YEARS' HARD LABOR TO BE FOLLOWED BY DEPORTATION UNDER LAW ON UNDERMINING NATL ECONOMY, ACCORDING TO COURT OFFICIAL (CHITRIB).

GVN MILITIA POST NEAR SITE OF MY LAI MASSACRE OVERRUN BY COMMUNIST FORCES WHO KILLED AT LEAST EIGHT DEFENDERS (WSJ).

MIL SPOKESMAN SAYS GKR FORCES KILL 43 INSURGENTS IN CLEARING OPERATIONS NINE MILES FROM PP THAT ARE AIMED AT DRIVING ENEMY FROM TWO OVERRUN GKR POSTS AND RELIEVING PRESSURE ON OTHERS THAT PROTECT EASTERN DEFENSES OF CAPITAL (REUTER PP).

S-N'S NED SCHARFF (11/12) DESCRIBES VETS' DAY PROTEST AT WH BY MIA KIN. NATL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES DIRECTOR CALLS ON PRES TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL COMMISSION TO DETERMINE FATE OF MISSING, BUT NO WH RESPONSE, THOUGH AIDE SAYS PRES "STILL CONCERNED" ABOUT PROBLEM. SCHARFF NOTES THAT MUCH OF PROTESTERS' ANGRY TALK WAS AIMED AT HAK WHO, THEY ALLEGE, SECRETLY AGREED TO ABANDON MIA SEARCH AS PART OF SEA SETTLEMENT.

2. KOREA

DONG-A ILBO SKIPPED NOV 12 EDITION WHEN PUBLISHER REFUSED REPORTER'S DEMANDS FOR FIRST-PAGE COVERAGE OF MONDAY'S NATIONWIDE RC PROTEST MASSES (NYT).

AS ANTI-GOVT PROTESTS CONTINUE, KIM JONG-PIL ORDERS INFORMATION MINISTER TO PERSUADE KOREANS THROUGH MEDIA TO WELCOME FORD CORDIALLY, FOLLOWING CLASH BETWEEN 300 STUDENTS WITH POLICE IN SUWON. SEVEN STUDENTS AND FOUR POLICE INJURED (REUTER, GLOBE).

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND, IN SEOUL, SEES PARK LOOSENING CLAMPS ON OPPOSITION DISSENT IN PAST FEW WEEKS, BUT REMAINING UNCLASSIFIED

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VERY MUCH IN CONTROL, PERHAPS TO SET SCENE FOR CORDIAL WELCOME FOR FORD. HOWEVER, ONE INFORMED DIPLOMAT SAYS PARK WOULD CRACK DOWN, EVEN WITH FORD COMING, IF HIS POSITION WERE THREATENED. FOR WHATEVER REASON, ARRESTS ARE FEWER, SENTENCES FOR DISSENTERS LIGHTER, AND PARK IS TRYING TO KEEP LID ON STUDENT UNREST BY INDIRECT PRESSURE. STILL, CRITICS CITE CONTINUING KCIA INTIMIDATION OF OPPONENTS, AND FEAR "WAVE OF ARRESTS" AFTER FORD VISIT. SOUTHERLAND SEES LITTLE YANKEE-GO-HOME SENTIMENT, ASSURING WARM WELCOME FOR FORD, ON VISIT CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY US OFFICIALS IN VIEW OF US STRATEGIC INTERESTS.

3. JAPAN

SOME 6,000 STUDENTS AND WORKERS PROTEST FORD VISIT AND CALL FOR TANAKA RESIGNATION IN TOKYO DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY JSP AND JCP (WP). POLICE SAY RALLY WAS ORDERLY, NO ARRESTS (UPI NYT, PHINQ).

IN REPLY TO REPORTER WHO SUGGESTED AT WH RECEPTION FOR KREISKY THAT FORD VISIT TO JAPAN "COULD BE FRAUGHT WITH DANGER" HAK QUIPS "YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO DAMASCUS WITH ME". WHEN NEWSMAN SAID HE IS NOT TOO POPULAR IN TOKYO, HAK REPLIES "I'M NOT TOO POPULAR HERE" (WP).

EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN CAIRO SAY SADAT EXPECTS TO VISIT JAPAN IMMEDIATELY AFTER TRIP TO US PLANNED EARLY NEXT YEAR. AS RESULT OF KIMURA-FAHMI TALKS, JAPAN EXPECTED TO INCREASE DEVELOPMENTAL AID, INCLUDING SECOND-PHASE SUEZ CANAL PROJECT TO ALLOW TRANSIT OF 250,000 TON SHIPS(JOC - CAIRO).

SUN'S SEIDEN, IN TOKYO, WRITES THAT WWII HOLDOUT ONODA, WHO CAME HOME FROM PHILIPPINE JUNGLE LAST MARCH, DECIDED TO SETTLE DOWN WITH BROTHER IN BRAZIL. JAPANESE PRESS QUOTES ONODA SAYING ;I AM TIRED OF BEING TREATED LIKE A PANDA IN A ZOO". ONODA'S FATHER SAYS HE WAS DISAPPOINTED IN MODERN JAPAN.

LAT'S JAMESON REPORTS FROM TOKYO (NOV 9) THAT TANAKA, UNCLASSIFIED

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ON LAST DAY OF HIS VISIT TO BURMA, TOLD PRESS "FORD VISIT MUST BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY -- MY PUBLIC DUTIES OUTWEIGH THE DOMESTIC SITUATION". TANAKA ALSO SAID HE WOULD REGAIN PEOPLE'S TRUST BY ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS FINANCIAL DEALING, "IN THE DIET, NATURALLY", AFTER FORD VISIT. MEANWHILE, OPPOSITION GRILLED GOVT IN DIET COMMITTEE ABOUT PURCHASE OF RIVERBED LAND BY TANAKA FIRM, WHICH SHOT UP IN VALUE 377 TIMES, TO 69.4 MILLION DOLLARS, AFTER GOJ ANNOUNCED PLANS TO BUILD DIKES. OPPOSITION CHARGES THAT TANAKA, FINANCE MINISTER AT TIME, PROFITED FROM INSIDE INFORMATION ABOUT GOVT DECISION TO REDEVELOP THE RIVER.

JAMESON ALSO REPORTS (NOV 10) THAT TANAKA DECIDED TO RESHUFFLE CABINET BEFORE FORD VISIT, BUT LEFT UNANSWERED QUESTION WHETHER CHANGE IS DESIGNED "TO KEEP HIMSELF IN POWER, OR PAVE SMOOTH ROAD TO RESIGNATION". IN SUPPORT OF SPECULATION THAT HE IS TRYING TO PREPARE DIGNIFIED EXIT, JAMESON CITES HIS OWN CONVERSATIONS WITH TANAKA'S RIVALS IN RULING LDP, WHO SAY THEY MIGHT SUBMIT NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION TO DIET THEMSELVES, IF TANAKA REFUSES TO QUIT. SUCH MOTION WOULD PASS, WITH

OPPOSITION BACKING, FORCING TANAKA TO RESIGN, OR CALL A GENERAL ELECTION. HOWEVER, JAMESON NOTES THAT ACCURACY OF THIS READING OF TANAKA'S WEAKNESS DEPENDS LARGELY ON WHETHER LDP COULD REACH CONSENSUS ON SUCCESSOR. NEITHER OHIRA NOR FUKUDASEEMS TO COMMAND MAJORITY LDP SUPPORT AT THE MOMENT, WITH LDP V-P SHIINA BEING MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE "CARETAKER".

JOC'S CULLISON IN TOKYO (NOV 12) SAYS LABOR AND MANAGEMENT MAY HAVE HEAD-ON CLASH OVER WAGE DEMANDS NEXT YEAR, WITH SOHYO AGREEING MONDAY TO DEMAND

MORE THAN 30 PCT INCREASE NEXT SPRING AND JAPAN FEDERATION OF EMPLOYERS' ASSNS CALLING FOR MODERATION. LAST YEAR'S 32.9 PCT INCREASE, CONSIDERED EXCESSIVE BY MANAGEMENT, OUTSTRIPPED PRODUCTIVITY GAINS. LESS MILITANT CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (DOMEI) IS TRYING TO SOFTEN SOHYO DEMANDS, FOR SAKE OF JAPAN'S COMPETITIVE POSITION IN WORLD MARKET.
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SUN'S SEIDEN (NOV 12) REPORTS TYPICAL TRANCE-LIKE APPEARANCES BY POP ARTIST ANDY WARHOL AT TOKYO DEPARTMENT STORE COCKTAIL PARTY INTRODUCING EXHIBIT OF HIS WORK. WARHOL'S BUSINESS AIDE DISCLAIMED INTEREST IN MEETING ARTY TYPES, SAYING "WE WANT TO MEET RICH PEOPLE, WITH MONEY TO BUY PAINTINGS".

JOC'S CULLISON, IN TOKYO, REPORTS INITIAL 5 PCT REDUCTION IN JAPAN'S STEEL PRODUCTION, IN ANTICIPATION OF US COAL STRIKE, TO MAINTAIN REASONABLE COKING STOCKS. SOME STEEL EXECS FEEL PRODUCTION CUTS TO CONTINUE, EVEN IF STRIKE SETTLED, BECAUSE OF FALL-OFF IN DEMAND.

WSJ'S MARTIN, IN TOKYO, SAYS OSAKA COURT REFUSAL TO PERMIT NIHON NETSUGAKU, FORMER FAVORITE OF FOREIGN INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS, TO REORGANIZE UNDER BANKRUPTCY LAW ENSURES FIRM'S LIQUIDATION. BANKRUPTCY IS LARGEST IN POST-WAR JAPAN.

MITI ANNOUNCES JAPAN'S EXPORTS RISE TO 5.7 BILLION DOLLARS IN OCTOBER, UP 55.8 PCT OVER PREVIOUS YEAR, WITH BIG INCREASE TO SEVEN OIL-PRODUCING NATIONS (UPI IN JOC).

JOC'S CULLISON REPORTS LABOR MINISTRY EXPECTS UNEMPLOYMENT TO RISE TO MILLION MARK BY MARCH ABOUT 5.2 PCT OF WORK FORCE. WORST POST-WAR UNEMPLOYMENT WAS 1.1 MILLION IN MARCH, ABOUT 1967.

AP ROME (SUN) REPORTS US, JAPAN AND MOST OTHER INDUSTRIAL

NATIONS (EXCEPT NETHERLANDS) EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT OPEC PROPOSAL TO HELP NEEDY NATIONS PRODUCE FOOD WITH FUNDS TO WHICH RICH AND POOR NATIONS WOULD CONTRIBUTE ON BASIS OF "OBJECTIVE CRITERIA", MOST LIKELY THEIR GNP.

GLOBE'S STORIN, IN TOKYO, WRITES THAT GOJ, IF NOT PUBLIC, VIEWS HISTORIC FORD VISIT WITH ENTHUSIASM, FOR "SYMBOLISM ATTACHED TO RECOVERY FROM HUMILIATION UNCLASSIFIED

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OF DEFEAT;. ADVANCE TEAM FINDS PLANS "AS COMPLEX AS SOAP OPERA PLOT". NO ONE IS SURE TANAKA WILL REMAIN AS PM "30 MINUTES AFTER FORD LEAVES JAPAN". FORD MAY NOT SEE NYMETS PLAY, FOR SECURITY REASONS, AND SECRET SERVICE MAY, OR MAY NOT, BE DISARMED UNDER JAPAN'S STRICT GUN LAW. GENERAL TRANSPORTATION STRIKE WILL NOT AFFECT FORD, WHO WON'T USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, BUT POSSIBLE SYMPATHY STRIKE BY COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS MIGHT RULE OUT OPERATOR-ASSISTED TELEPHONE CALLS BY REPORTERS AND TECHNICIANS. AND NO ONE KNOWS HOW KYOTO GOVERNOR NINAGAWA, SUPPORTED PRIMARILY BY COMMUNISTS, WILL WELCOME FORD TO KYOTO.

JOC'S CULLISON SAYS GOJ AND BUSINESS LEADERS FEAR FORD WILL ASK JAPAN TO COOPERATE WITH US EFFORT AND REDUCE OIL IMPORTS 15 PCT, WHICH THEY FEAR MIGHT COMPLICATE THEIR RELATIONS WITH ARAB OIL PRODUCERS. FORD IS EXPECTED TO PROMISE DEPENDABLE SUPPLY OF WHEAT AND SOYBEANS BUT JAPANESE FEAR HE MIGHT ASK THEM TO REDUCE FOOD IMPORTS TO ENSURE EMERGENCY FOOD AID TO LDCS. JAPAN WOULD PREFER TO GIVE MONEY, WHICH COULD BOOST WORLD GRAIN PRICES. US POSITION, REPORTEDLY EXPLAINED TO GOJ, IS THAT JAPAN DIVERT SOME OF "EXCESS SHIPMENTS" OF GRAIN TO NATIONS IN DIRE NEED, BUT THIS WOULD SPUR ALREADY RAMPANT INFLATION IN JAPAN.

4. AUSTRALIA

GOA INTRODUCES BUDGET DESIGNED TO STIMULATE PRIVATE SECTOR AND REVIVE ECONOMY. PM ANNOUNCES CUTS IN INCOME TAX AND COMPANY TAX, INJECTION OF FUNDS INTO SAVINGS BANKS FOR HOUSING, INCREASED IMPORT CONTROLS ON VEHICLES, AND DIRECTIVE TO PRICE CONTROL AGENCY TO "CONSIDER THE NEED FOR BUSINESS PROFITS" (AP WSJ, CHITRIB). ACTION TO STEM SHARPLY RISING UNEMPLOYMENT, ALREADY AT 190,000, AND CHECK INFLATION SPELLED OUT BY PM AMID HEATED EXCHANGES IN PARLIAMENT (CHITRIB).

5. CHINA

HSIEH KUO-CHENG, CHAIRMAN OF ROC'S BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, EXPRESSES "DEEP REGRET" ABOUT LITTLE LEAGUE DECISION

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TO BAR NON-US TEAMS FROM WORLD SERIES. FEARS LEAGUE AUTHORITIES ARE TOO CONCERNED ABOUT WINNING, AND SUGGESTS LEAGUE PERMIT EXCHANGE VISITS BY TEAMS OF VARIOUS NATIONS TO COMPENSATE FOR THEIR INABILITY

TO COMPETE IN SERIES (AP WP, NYT; PHINQ). EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF JAPAN LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL ASSN ALSO DEPLORES DECISION (AP, WP). TO NYDN'S ROSWELL, WHAT "NIXES" CULPABILITY OF ECONOMICS BEING REASON FOR LL'S ACTION ARE REPEATED COMPLAINTS ABOUT TAIWAN CLUBS BEING TOO STRONG, AND THAT THEY DRAW THEIR PLAYERS FROM LARGER AREA THAN US TEAMS. "CALL IT SOUR GRAPES." WTOP'S WARNER WOLF GIVES BIG "BOO" TO LL AUTHORITIES.

HEARST'S BALTO N-A (NOV. 12) REPRINTS CHICAGO SUN-TIMES CONCLUSIONS ABOUT "REVOLUTION" IN PRC EDUCATION SYSTEM BY EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT RUGH DUNBAR, WHO RECENTLY VISITED CHINA. SHE FOUND GOAL IS TO CARRY OUT MAO'S EDUCATION IDEALS, AND RESULT IS THAT CHINA'S SCHOOL PROGRAM IS "HIGHLY PURPOSEFUL, POLITICAL, PRACTICAL AND STRONGLY WORK-ORIENTED." THERE IS NO ENCOURAGEMENT OF LOVE OF LEARNING FOR ITS OWN SAKE OR FOR INDIVIDUAL PLEASURE THAT COULD LEAD TO INTELLECTUAL ELITE. THERE IS ALSO EXTENSIVE, ORGANIZED PROGRAM OF BEFORE-SCHOOL, AFTER-SCHOOL, BEYOND-SCHOOL CLASSES COVERING MOST YEARS IN LIFETIME.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

6. JAPAN

LAT'S JAMESON, IN TOKYO (NOV 10), COMMENTS ON FORD VISIT THAT FEW JAPANESE GIVE TANAKA CHANCE TO STAY IN OFFICE BEYOND JULY WHEN HIS TERM AS LDP PRESIDENT EXPIRES; MANY FEEL HE MAY STEP DOWN SOONER.

US EMBASSY READINGS OF TANAKA'S POLITICAL STRENGTH HAVE DROPPED SO LOW THAT ONE OFFICIAL SAYS "TANAKA WILL BE THE PM ON THE OCCASION OF THE VISIT (NOV 18-22). HOW LONG THEREAFTER DEPENDS UPON THE JAPANESE PEOPLE." SAME OFFICIAL DOUBTED THERE WOULD

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BE A VISIT, IF FORD HAD TO HAMMER DOWN SOLUTIONS TO SPECIFIC PROBLEMS, AND SAID THAT THE VISIT WILL NOW BE PLAYED AS SYMBOL OF RELATIONS WHICH DEVELOPED BETWEEN US AND JAPAN OVER PAST QUARTER-CENTURY.

INFLATION IS MAJOR FACTOR ERODING TANAKA'S POPULARITY.
EXPANSIONARY BUDGET IN 1973 -- DESIGNED IN PART TO
SPUR IMPORTS TO CORRECT HUGE TRADESURPLUS WITH US --
AND TANAKA'S OWN PLAN TO REBUILD JAPAN LED TO 17 PCT
PRICE RISE EVEN BEFORE OIL CRISIS.

TANAKA SURVIVED LDP SETBACK IN JULY UPPER HOUSE
ELECTIONS, LARGELY BECAUSE NO OTHER SINGLE LEADER

ENJOYED ENOUGH SUPPORT TO CHALLENGE HIM. BUT MAGAZINE
EXPOSE OF HIS FREE-WHEELING BUSINESS DEALS LED TO
AN 'ERUPTION OF DEMANDS' WITHIN LDP THAT TANAKA SET
DOUBTS TO REST, IN THE DIET AFTER FORD'S VISIT. TANAKA
MUST EXPLAIN HOW HE ACQUIRED MILLIONS OF SHARES OF
STOCK AND LAND NOW VALUED AT MORE THAN 9.5 MILLION
DOLLARS ON REPORTED TAXABLE INCOME OF ONLY 285,000
DOLLARS PER YEAR; BUSINESS OPERATIONS OF HIS "GHOST
COMPANIES"; USE OF 6.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN POLITICAL
FUNDS HE DOLED OUT TO LDP DIET MEMBERS IN PAST THREE
YEARS; WHETHER KENJI OSANO, WHO OWNS HOTELS WITH 6,000
ROOMS AT WAIKIKI, BOUGHT OUT FLOUNDERING TANAKA
ENTERPRISE, AND FOR WHAT POSSIBLE FAVOR; AND HOW
CABARET HOSTESS HIRED AS HIS SECRETARY CAME INTO LAND
VALUED AT 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS.

JAMESON NOTES TWO FACTORS IN TANAKA'S FAVOR, FAILURE
OF JAPANESE PRESS TO FOLLOW UP ON MAGAZINE CHARGES
AND FAILURE OF LDP TO REACH CONSENSUS ON POSSIBLE
SUCCESSOR. NEVERTHELESS, HE FORECASTS "PERIOD OF
MAJOR INSTABILITY" WITHIN RULING LDP.

WSJ'S PEARLSTINE, IN TOKYO (NOV 12), REPORTS
TANAKA, "FIGHTING FOR POLITICAL LIFE", TRIED TO
STRENGTHEN HIS CONTROL OVER THE LDP BY ANNOUNCING
"MINOR CABINET REALIGNMENT". MOVE FOLLOWED TV
PRESS CONFERENCE DENIAL THAT HE PROFITED ILLEGALLY
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WHILE IN PUBLIC OFFICE. TANAKA NAMED "HIS CLOSEST
ASSOCIATE", CABINET SECRETARY NIKAI DO, TO SUCCEED
"LESS VIGOROUS SUPPORTER" HASHIMOTO IN KEY PARTY
POST OF SEC GEN. "RUMOURS HAVE BEEN RIFE" THAT TANAKA
MIGHT RESIGN "THIS WEEK", OR AFTER FORD VISIT,
UNDER PRESSURE FROM RIVALS FUKUDA AND MIKI, WHOSE
CAMPAIGN BOOSTED BY RECENT MAGAZINE EXPOSE. IF HE
SURVIVES THIS CRISIS, TANAKA IS LIKELY TO FACE
ANOTHER STERN TEST WHEN DIET RECONVENES NEXT MONTH.
PEARLSTINE NOTES THAT "SOME OF HIS STRONGEST OPPONENTS
AND A FEW OF HIS SUPPORTERS BELIEVE TANAKA COULD NOT
SURVIVE SUCH SCRUTINY", ADDING THAT LDP DISSIDENTS,
JOINED BY OPPOSITION, COULD FORCE TANAKA TO RESIGN.

7. ASIAN JOURNEYS OF PRES AND HAK

GLOBE

REVIEWING FORD'S FIRST 100 DAYS, WP'S BRODER (ALSO IN GLOBE AND PHINQ) FINDS HE IS STILL VERY MUCH 'MAN OF CONGRESS' IN METHOD, MANNER AND CHARACTER. "LIKE ANY SUCCESSFUL CONGRESSIONAL POLITICIAN, HE PUTS GREAT STOCK IN KEEPING HIS COMMITMENTS. THAT IS REALLY WHY HE IS GOING TO

THE FAR EAST NEXT WEEK, DESPITE THE ARGUMENTS OF MANY ASSOCIATES" THAT VISIT TO JAPAN AND SK IS UNTIMELY OR UNWISE OR HAZARDOUS. COMMITMENT FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT "WAS MADE FOR REASONS THAT SEEMED GOOD AND VALID AT THE TIME" TO NIXON AND HAK, AND FORD "IS NOT ONE TO BACK OUT OF A COMMITMENT." TO BRODER, PRES SEEMS, IN CERTAIN WAYS, "ALMOST RELUCTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS ALTERED CIRCUMSTANCES, EXPRESSING ASTONISHMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT CABINET MEMBERS MIGHT TELL REPORTERS THEIR MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE TIMING OF HIS FAR EASTERN TRIP WHEN THEY HAVE NOT VOICED THOSE SAME RESERVATIONS" TO FORD HIMSELF.

HEARST'S WALLACH REPORTS US OFFICIALS DISCLOSE HAK TOOK "UNPRECEDENTED STEP" OF CHECKING WITH PRC LEADERS ABOUT KREMLIN'S BID FOR US-SOVIET SUMMIT AT VLADIVOSTOK, AND RECOMMENDED MEETING ONLY AFTER PRESUMABLY MAO OR CHOU INDICATED THERE WOULD BE NO CHINESE OBJECTION. UNKNOWN WHETHER HAK SIMILARLY SOUNDED OUT MOSCOW BEFORE AGREEING TO MAKE PEKING VISIT LATER THIS MONTH. ACCORDING TO UNCLASSIFIED

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WALLACH'S SOURCES, MOSCOW ORIGINALLY HAD REQUESTED VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT IN DAYS FOLLOWING FORD'S BECOMING PRESIDENT, AND MATTER WAS THEN RAISED BY HAK WITH HUANG CHEN (BALTO N-A NOV. 12).

REUTER'S SHARP, IN PEKING, REPORTS WESTERN OBSERVERS PREDICTING HAK "IS GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF EXPLAINING TO DO" WHEN HE VISITS PRC. ONE OF HIS MAIN TASKS WILL BE TO REASSURE CHINESE THAT NOTHING HARMFUL TO THEIR INTERESTS IS HAPPENING BEHIND THEIR BACKS, AND THIS MAY BE MORE DIFFICULT THAN USUAL BECAUSE CHINESE "ARE HINTING THEY ARE DISPLEASED" WITH US-SOVIET SUMMIT TAKING PLACE SO CLOSE TO THEIR BORDER. CITES ONE DIPLOMAT'S REMARK THAT CHINESE DON'T LIKE THIS KIND OF SUMMITRY AT BEST OF TIMES, SO "WHEN YOU DO IT ON THEIR DOORSTEP IT IS A BIT OF AN AFFRONT."

SHARP OUTLINES "OTHER BLEMISHES" MARRING SINO-US RAPPROCHEMENT SINCE HAK'S PRC VISIT YEAR AGO: CHINESE "DID NOT LIKE" UNGER'S APPOINTMENT TO ROC, "SINCE IT DEMONSTRATED WASHINGTON'S COMMITMENT" TO TAIPEI; PEKING REFUSED TO ACCEPT SOME US WHEAT SHIPMENTS BECAUSE THEY WERE INFECTED WITH FUNGUS; AND PRC REQUEST IN MAY

THAT USLO WITHDRAW SIX MARINE GUARDS "GENERATED SOME TEMPORARY BAD FEELINGS." BUT DESPITE THESE PROBLEMS, SAYS SHARP, MOST WESTERN OBSERVERS BELIEVE RELATIONS ARE TOO IMPORTANT TO BOTH SIDES TO BE THREATENED BY MINOR BICKERING.

ONE IMPORTANT NEW FACTOR AFFECTING HAK'S VISIT IS CHOU'S

ILLNESS WHICH MEANS SECRETARY WILL BE TALKING MOSTLY WITH TENG HSIAO-PING, CHIAO KUAN-HUA AND OTHER FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. SOME OBSERVERS CLAIM PRC IS BECOMING IMPATIENT WITH US CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO ROC. BUT ADMIN, PRESUMABLY, IS CONTENT WITH SITUATION SINCE IT GIVES US WHAT IT WANTS: CONTINUOUS CONTACTS AND TRADE WITH PEKING WITHOUT POLITICAL EMBARRASSMENT OF BACKING AWAY FROM ROC. SO, "NOT LIKELY THAT ANY AGREEMENT ON FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS" BETWEEN US AND PRC WILL BE FINALIZED SOON.

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SHARP SAYS OBSERVERS IN PEKING, ON BROADER PERSPECTIVE, BELIEVE CHINESE CAN TAKE COMFORT FROM CERTAIN TRENDS IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS AND IN US DOMESTIC POLITICS. THEY NOTE, FOR EXAMPLE, GROWING SKEPTICISM ABOUT DETENTE WITH MOSCOW NOW BEING VOICED IN US -- SKEPTICISM EARNESTLY ENDORSED BY PEKING. CHINESE ARE ALSO AWARE OF DEMOCRATIC GAINS IN RECENT US ELECTIONS AND "REAL PROSPECT" OF DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT BEING ELECTED IN 1976. ONE "HOPEFUL," SEN. JACKSON, SAYS HE FAVORS SPEEDING DIPLOMATIC TIES. THUS, IT MAY WELL BE IN CHINA'S INTEREST TO ADOPT HOLDING POSITION WITH HAK UNTIL 1976.

S-N (NOV 12) CITES PEKING'S "SUDDEN DECLARATION OF INTEREST" IN NONAGGRESSION PACT WITH SOVIET, AND RESULTING SPECULATION ABOUT WHETHER THIS PORTENDS GENUINE BREAKTHROUGH IN SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS. MAINTAINS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE THAW BETWEEN COMMUNIST POWERS IS SOMETHING FOR HAK "TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE HE TRAVELS TO PEKING," FOR THEIR FEUD IS "AN IMPORTANT ASSUMPTION" IN WARMING OF PRC-US RELATIONS -- AND PEKING MAY WANT TO CREATE DOUBTS IN OUR MINDS ON THAT SCORE, FOR WHATEVER BARGAINING EDGE IT MIGHT PROVIDE.

NYT'S RESTON SEES WASHINGTON AS TOWN "ALIVE THESE DAYS WITH FREE ADVICE" AND WITH PRES "MAIN TARGET." HE IS BEING TOLD IN AND OUT OF ADMIN THAT HE SHOULD CANCEL TRIP TO JAPAN, SK AND SOVIET. FEELS "THERE IS A GOOD ARGUMENT" FOR FORD TO STAY HOME, FOR TANAKA IS IN TROUBLE PERSONALLY AND POLITICALLY, AND SO IS PARK. CONTENTS IT WON'T HELP FORD WITH PRC TO MEET BREZHNEV IN VLADIVOSTOK, WHICH LIES IN TERRITORY DISPUTED BY BOTH CHINESE AND SOVIETS. "BUT POLITICIANS LIKE TO

TRAVEL AND SHOW THAT THEY CAN DEAL WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS"; JACKSON IS IN LONDON AND MONDALE IN MOSCOW -- AND FORD "ALSO WANTS TO SHOW HE CAN DEAL WITH THE BIG BOYS ABROAD." HE HAS REJECTED "SENSIBLE" ADVICE TO STAY HOME, WHERE HE HAS OTHER PROBLEMS.

RECALLS LAST JAPAN VISIT BY US PRES WAS CALLED OFF 14 YEARS AGO BY EISENHOWER BECAUSE OF POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION
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TIONS IN TOKYO. "MORE IMPORTANT," US-JAPANESE RELATIONS "HAVE BEEN IN TROUBLE EVER SINCE" NIXON WENT TO CHINA AND DEVALUED DOLLAR "WITHOUT CONSULTING THE JAPANESE." ACCORDINGLY, CALLING OFF FORD VISIT AT LAST MINUTE WOULD HAVE BEEN AWKWARD, SO HE IS TAKING FLIGHT.

RESTON OBSERVES US OFFICIALS ARE GETTING PLENTY OF ADVICE AND IMPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM ALL SIDES, BUT THEY HAVE TO ACT AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS OR INACTIONS -- "AND THAT IS NOT QUITE SO EASY AS IT LOOKS ON TV OR IN THE PAPERS."

8. ROC

WP CARRIES COMMENTARY BY (TAIPEI UNITED DAILY NEWS') COMET SHIH DEPLORING "NARROW VISION" OF LITTLE LEAGUE OFFICIALS IN BARRING FOREIGNERS FROM LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES. SAYS DECISION IS "ALMOST AS INCONCEIVABLE" AS LOSS OF WORLD TITLE FOR SEVEN OF LAST EIGHT YEARS "BY THOSE BOYS FROM THE KINGDOM OF WORLD BASEBALL," THE US. REASON GIVEN BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS -- TRAVEL COSTS FOR FOREIGN ENTRIES AND NATIONALISTIC APPROACH TAKEN ABROAD -- IS JUST NOT CONVINCING OR JUSTIFIABLE. FOREIGN COUNTRIES ARE NOT COMPLAINING ABOUT TRAVEL COSTS, AND AS FAR AS NATIONALISTIC APPROACH IS CONCERNED, IT IS LITTLE LEAGUE AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE NOW TAKEN THIS STAND.

SHIH INSISTS THERE IS "VERY LITTLE DOUBT" THAT LITTLE LEAGUE'S EXCLUSION POLICY WAS DIRECTED AGAINST CHINESE BOYS FROM TAIWAN, AND THINKS US IMAGE "WILL BE SHRINKING IN THEIR GROWING MINDS."

9. INDOCHINA

CSM WELCOMES PRES' AFFIRMATION OF CONCERN FOR MIAS FOLLOWING INTRODUCTION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON SUBJECT IN UN, BELIEVES WORLD COOPERATION IS DEMANDED FOR SAKE OF MISSING AND THEIR LOVED ONES. SAYS FORD NOW FACES CHALLENGE OF CARRYING THROUGH ON PLEDGE TO "DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE", AND UN OUGHT TO FOLLOW UP
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RESOLUTION BY FOSTERING METHODS TO OBSERVE IT IN NEXT
YEAR'S DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON HUMANITARIAN LAW.
NATIONS SHOULD ADOPT MINIMAL PRACTICES: PARTICIPANTS
IN ARMED CONFLICT FIND AND MARK GRAVES, ASSIST RETURN
OF REMAINS, AND SUPPLY INFO ON MIAS.

ANTON LANG, MICHIGAN STATE U SCIENTIST AND, MEMBER OF
RESEARCH TEAM THAT VISITED VN LAST YEAR, STATES THAT
SOILS THERE REMAIN FERTILE AND CAPABLE OF PRODUCING
FOOD DESPITE DECADE OF MIL HERBICIDE SPRAYING. SAYS
EXPERIMENTS INDICATE SOILS CAN SUSTAIN GROWTH AS
EARLY AS SIX WEEKS AFTER SPRAYING, AND EFFECTS
UNDETECTABLE" YEAR LATER (UPI, WP).
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